

a 1 27. (New) The process as claimed in claim 26, wherein the composition is used in an amount of 2 to 12 % expressed in total dry weight of cationic and sulfonated starchy materials based on the dry weight of the mass constituting the said structure.--

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1 to 9 have been withdrawn from examination without prejudice and have been replaced with new claims 10-26. Claims 10 to 27 are pending.

All claims were amended so as to replace the language "wherein it contains" or "wherein it has" by "comprising".

The expression "chosen from the group comprising" is replaced by "selected from the group consisting of".

The expression "on the one hand... and on the other hand" has been deleted.

New claim 10 is former claim 1 in which the embodiment reciting preferred sulfonated starchy material has been withdrawn.

New claim 11 recites the preferred sulfonated starchy material of claim 10.

New claim 12 is former claim 2.

New claim 13 is former claim 3 in which the preferred ratios have been withdrawn.

New claims 14 and 15 recite the preferred weight ratios formerly recited in claim 3.

New claim 16 is former claim 4 in which the preferred forms of the mixture have been withdrawn.

New claims 17 to 19 recite preferred forms of the mixture formerly recited in claim 4.

New claim 20 is former claim 5 in which the preferred form of the size has been withdrawn.

New claim 21 recites the preferred form of the size formerly recited in claim 5.

New claim 22 is former claim 6.

New claim 23 is former claim 7 in which the preferred embodiment reciting corn starch has been withdrawn.

New claim 24 recites that the cereal starch of claim 23 is corn starch.

New claim 25 is former claim 8.

New claim 26 is former claim 9 in which the preferred amount of the composition has been withdrawn.

New claim 27 recites the preferred amount of composition formerly recited in claim 9.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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